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1. In Bucharest there are wine cellars and a distillery belonging to a Soviet military unit which has its base in Constanta. [REDACTED]
2. The distillery, located at 190 Calea Serban Voda, Bucharest, supplies wine and spirits to Soviet military units and to sales centers for Soviet military families. Monthly production totals 50,000 bottles of wine, 3,000 to 4,000 liters of spirits, and 50,000 to 60,000 liters of vodka. The entire output is delivered to the sales centers in Bucharest, Craiova, Braila and Constanta.
3. The distillery employs five permanent workers and seven or eight laborers. The equipment consists of two filters, a pump, 30 wooden vats with a capacity of 5,000 to 6,000 liters each, and a hundred transport barrels with a capacity of 1,000 to 2,000 liters each.
4. The cellars are managed by three wine experts and controlled by Soviet officers. The Soviet officers who purchased the grapes from the vineyards, by permission of the Alcohol and Tobacco Monopoly, resold them at higher prices and made a considerable profit.

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